NINETYTHIRD YEAR.

Sunday's Republic.

BRAVE FIREMAN SAVES MOTHER AND CHILD.

Carries Mrs. Frieda Seiferth and Child Out of Their Burning Home.

Prompt and vice tens action on the part of Fireman August Kuchne of truck company No. 4 saved Mrs. Prieda Seiferth and her tofant daughter from being burned to death in a fire which broke out at No. 616 South Broadway yesterday noon. Kuchne dashed to the burning room and drawged out the leto the burning room and dranged out the mother, smothering with his sout the names which were consuming her dress. He then ran back into the burning building

and carried out the baby.

Mrs. Seiferth conducts a cleaning and dyeing establishment at the above number. Vesterday moon she was cleaning a gar-ment. An open vessel filled with gasoline stood on the table beside her. Her 4-yearstood on the table beside her. Her t-yearold son, who was playing about the shop,
threw a lighted match into the gasoline
before the mother could prevent him. There
was an explosion, and in an instant the
interior of the little shop was in flames, and
the burning liquid had almost drenched
Mrs. Selferth.
Kuchue who is stationed at engine-house

Kuchine, who is stationed at engine-house No. 15, at No. 415 South Broadway, was passing Mrs. Selferth's establishment when the explosion occurred. He rushed in and seized Mrs. Selferth, who was screaming with pain and fright. Tearing off his cost, the fireman wrapped it about the woman, extinguishing the flames, and led her to a place of safety outside. He was about to turn his attention to the work of saving the building when Mrs. Selferth, between her gasps of pain, begged him to save her enild, a baby girl. In response to the mother flames were quickly brought under coatrol before they had gained much bedway. Mrs. Selferth was taken to a neighboring drug store, where her injuries Kuehne, who is stationed at engine-house er's pleadings. Kuchne re-entered the blazing room and carried out the little girl, who was nearly sufficeated by smoke. So close were the flames that the child's half was singed, and had there been any delay home of a friend.



neighboring drug store, where her injuries were dressed, it was found that she was scriously burned. She refused to be sent to

DIPLOMATS SEE THREAT IN GENERAL MERCIER'S SPEECH.

Experts Believe France Has Practical Plan to Invade England.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The statement of General Mercler in the French Senate, as told in The Republic to-day, that he had elaborated a feasible plan for the landing of a French army in Great Britain, created a sensation in naval, military and diplomatic circles.

Speculation as to General Mercler's specific plan was particularly rife among the experts in the War Department and Navy Department. The boldness of Gen-eral Mercler in making such an important announcement, as indicating that he was sure of his proposition, was not the least feature which attracted general attention. It was assumed by the experts that General Mercier had hit upon a plan by which utilizing the submarine boat, it would be practicable to discount the superiority of the British fleet and so demoralize the Brit-

ish seacoast defenses us to make the land-ing of a French army an easy undertaking. eral Mercler would have constructed permanent works at some French port, whereby

France could launch on twenty-few notice a fleet of transports with an army aboard backed up by a defensive squadron, and land an army at some point on the British coast where the suddenness of the attack would make the plan easy of execu-

It is believed by several of the naval and military experts that the French have succeeded in so perfecting the Submarine boat and the flying machine that in com-bination they will be irresistible for the purpose outlined by General Mercler.

beat flottilla in the world and that it is within the province of probabilities that France will soon have a fleet of irresistible Flying Battleship.

easy matter to drop dynamite bombs on any coast-defense station, and not only destroy them, but make the places unten-



GENERAL MERCIER.

at such a height above a fleet for self-proand by perfectly effective submarine tor-pedo boats against a fleet would make a victory over the fleet and a landing cer-

England, it is well understood here, is aware of the danger to her fiset from a fotilia of perfected submarine torpedo bouts, and her experts are now endeavor-ing to devise a machine that will neutralize its formidable effects. England also is oware that France has the largest tornedo

fleets, if not to discount the former by the submarine destroyers.

Some officials here were inclined to conable by the coast defenders.

A whole army of coast defenders could be utterly demoralized in this way. While it is noted that the flying machine might be setting a problem that Great Britain will

LEADING TOPICS NEW DIRECTOR ON TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Generally fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds. For Illinois-Fair Thursday and Friday; fresh west to south winds. For Arkansas-Fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

1. Fireman Saves Mother and Child. Powers Agree on Peace in China. New Director on Transit Board.

Relief for Walton Home Walfa. 2. Trying to Place New Governor. Highwaymen Stole His Clothes

- Says No Army Can Crush the Filipinos 8. Secretary Hitchcock's Annual Report. essie Morrison in Tears.
- 4. Race-Track Results. Want Their Own Golf Grounds. Sporting News.
- American Energy Rouses England. Elopers Mad Judge Lock the Doors.
- 6. Business Men's Excursion. Big Cut in War Taxes. World's Fair Work. American Day at the Altenheim Mrs. Henry Well Gets Divorce. Invalid Attempts Suicide. Elevator Boy's Narrow Escape. Stockman Holds Town at Bay.
- 7. Coon Hunt in Custom-House. Awaits Marriage in Jall. South Is for the World's Fair. Probable Fate of Water Rates Bill. e Weather City News in Brief.
- S. Editorial. Society Events.
- At the Theaters. 2. Aged Couple's Search for a Home. Sold Their Skin by the Inch.
- 10. Republic Want Advertisements. Record of Births, Marriages, Deaths.
- 11 Republic Want Advertisements
- 12 Grain and Produce.
- 13. Financial News, River Telegrams.
- 14. Rush for Berths in Sheriff's Office, Artist Zorn's Suit Sent to Clayte

One of the naval experts said that with a perfected flying machine it would be an object is to equalize the British and French

THE TRANSIT BOARD

Eugene Delano of Brown Bros. Succeeds Judge Boyle, Who Resigned-No Other Changes.

Eugene Delane of the firm of Brown Brown & Co. of New York was yesterday elected a director of the St. Louis Transit Company to succeed Judge Wilber F. Boyle of this city

entatives on the board, as Patrick Calhoun of that firm is also a director. The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the company's offices in the Security building. Diwards Whitaker, president of the com-pany, when asked in regard to the change, sald: "The election of Mr. Delano was simply a part of the plan which was agreed upon at the time of the organization of the company. It was understood at that time that as long as the affairs of the company

were in the hands of Brown Bros, as syndi-cate managers that firm should not be allowed any additional representation on the board, but now that the affairs of the company are out of the hands of the managers another member of their firm was elected to the board." After the meeting Patrick Calhoun, Mr. Delano and I. M. Duane, who represent



Oom Paul: "Nobody at home and I have come so far!"

PRAYERS OF THE WALTON HOME WAIFS ARE QUICKLY ANSWERED.

Generous Response to Appeal of the Little Ones for Rent Money.

SAFE FROM EVICTION.

Mrs. Walton Expresses Her Gratitude-Letters From Two of the Givers.



A REPRESENTATIVE QVARTET.



The Walton Children's Home at No. 911 North Garrison avenue and all its inmates, including Mrs. Walton, the founder, who is shown standing next to her daughter, Mrs. Coker, and Miss Pruden, their assistant, who wears a cape

FOUGHT TWO HOURS IN WOODS.

Insurgents Defeated With Loss of Sixteen and Their Leader.

Manila, Dec. 5.—A dispatch has been received from General Funston, giving an account of a two hours' fight in the woods of Santo Domingo, between on American force and 389 insurgents, commanded by Sandico.

The American force, consisting of thirty native scouts, commanded by Fanking, attacked the insurgents, who retreated, leaving on the field systeen may be desired by the property of the strict of the amount and for possession liad been granted; that Tuesday including the rebel leader Agular and an American negro. It was at finite the children had prayed do to sear the medical of the shown being turned for the secure a home for the strict was a man named Fargin, a descript from the Twenty-fourth in the middle of winter. The story was extensively read and brought the latter was a man named Fargin, a descript from the Twenty-fourth in the middle of winter. The story was extensively read and brought and an American negro. It was at finite ones had been a real and relief sufficient for the day at least, had come.

In yesterday's Republic the fact was published that Mrs. Waiton, the founder and the street was published that Mrs. Waiton, the founder and the street was published that Mrs. Waiton, the founder and the street was published to the streets in the medical of the home, was in arrears for rent, and in connect of the fact a judgment for the amount and for possession liad been for the day at least, had come.

J. B. Lewis.

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dent Whiteker and other members of the Board of Directors.

According to local brokers the election of Mr. Delano as a director in the St. Louis Transit Company will tend to strengthen the stock of the company in the East.

The watton Children's Home at No. 211

North Garrison avenue was transformed yesterday from a house of sorrow into a place of joy through the charity of the good people of St. Louis. The faces of the thirty-three children who are cared for at the home, and its head, Mrs. M. S. Walton.

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Letters Including Money.

The following letter from Thomas Warten of the Warren Commission and Inthe stock of the company in the East.

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WORLD POWERS AGREE ON PEACE IN CHINA.

Minister Conger Authorized to Sign Pekin **Agreement Which Saves** the Empire.

Boxers Must Be Punished, Indemnities Paid, Taku Forts Razed and Importation of Firearms Prohibited-China Is Expected to Accept Conditions.

THE DEMANDS OF THE POWERS.

Shuister Courser, have been instructed by their home Governments to sign the ollowing agreement, offering to China a basis of ortilement of the world's bill of easts for the Boxer entrages;

'Imposition of the severest possible punishment the Chinese Government can "Recognition of the proper indemnity due the Powers for assummation

heir citizens, damage to their property and expenses incurred in the dispatch relief expeditions to China "Each Power shall have the right to montain Legation guards in Pekin

and permanent guards of communication between Pekin and the "The forts at Take and other forts on the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li shall be razed nd the importation of munitions of war beceafter probable "Abolition of the Tsong Li Yamen and appointment of a Minister of For-eign Affairs who shall be authorized to compact business with the represent-

tives of foreign Governments; and the foreign representatives shall have the right to have audience with the Emperor as permitted in fereign states.

"Suspension of previocial examinations for five years, and removal from ofher and numbrhment of all officials who breafter full to make proper effort to protect foreigners.

Erection of a measure of it honor of Range ven Ketteler on the site where ne was murdered, and dispatch of an Imperial Prince to Germany to tender apology for the outrage.

directing the suppression of the Boxers."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 5.-American diplomacy and insured the preservation of the integ-

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which would make necessary a renewal of military operations.
Under instructions issued by the several Governments, the Ministers at Pekin, at a meeting yesterday, formulated demands in accordance with views entertained by the United States, Russia, France and Japan, and now shared by Great Britain and Germany, which China will accept. Minister Conger has been instructed to sign the agreement adopted by the Ministers.

Big Stride Toward Peace.

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Far-reaching are these developments. In he opinion of well-informed officials and diplomats they mark the most important step toward a peaceful solution that has yet been taken. Information which reached here gave the officials to understand that step toward a peaceful solution that has yet been taken. Information which reached here gave the officials to understand that if the Powers had approved the original demands of the Ministers, contemplating the execution of eleven officials and Princes, and the exaction of an exorbitant indemnity. Id Hung Chang and Prince Ching The agreement will now be landed to the

Washington, Dec. 5.—American diplomacy of the responsible authors of the outrages as averted a world of strife over China would salve her wounded honor, and the Anglo-German agreement caused the Britrity of the Empire if the agreement reached by the foreign ministers in Pekin is carried out with the sampelousness as to dethe cut with the scrupulousness us to detail which Secretary Hay will insist upon.

The authorities have been greatly encouraged by the exchange of views which has occurred between the Powers, but it was not until to-night that they felt justified in making known the important developments which have taken place.

The Powers have agreed that it would be injudicious to insist upon demands which China would be compelled to reject and which would make necessary a renewal of

The agreement was most unsatisfactory to the President and Secretary Hay. Fortunately, at this moment Japan Indicated that she was invorably disposed toward moderation. Bucked by Japan, Russia and France, the President and Secretary Hay selzed the opportunity to bring about an exchange of views between the Powers. Russia suggested that the demand regarding punishment should call for the severest short of death that China could inflict, and with slight modification, this was adopted Great Eritain, in the face of the combina Great Eritain, in the face of the combina-tion against her and Germany, fell into line, and Germany's assent was finally ob-

The result of the negotiations between the and the exaction of an exorpitant Englishing. It is a greenest will now be landed to the Chinese envoys, and negotiations regarding the details will be commenced. It is within amended demands, it is known they will be accepted, not only by the Chinese peace envoys, but by the throne.

Of prime importance in the agreement are the demands for the pumping and included the commence of the demands by the Chinese, to insist upon reverer punsument than she is not indicting manishments as the demands for the punishment and in-demnity. Germany, from the outset of the severe as she can safely do. that she is not inflicting punishments as

PORMINENT LAWYER KILLS WELL-KNOWN MINISTER.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 5.-This after- , tinguishable, that drew from the Reverend noon Honorable S. Davis Stokes shot and billed the Reverend John W. Wohl, in a street duel here, Mr. Stokes being also dangerousiy injured.

Mr. Stokes was one of the most promiof the house occupied by the Reverend Mr. Wohl and his housekeeper, Mrs. Levine, Mr. Wohl's family being in Kentucky. Mr. Stokes stopped at the gate to talk with Mrs. Levine, who stood in her doorway. Within a few minutes the minister came out of the bouse. He seemed to be greatly excited about something, and said to Mrs. Levine as he passed her at the door: "You. would be much better, at present, in the Quick as a flash Mr. Weld turned, and,

Mr. Wehl the sharp retort: "You are a Bar?" In an instart the report of a revolver was

heard. St des stumbled, tried to regain his footing, but fell in the street. Wounded as he was, he drew his revolver and covered nent young lawyers in Mingo County. He the minister, now within ten feet of his left his office this afternoon immediately falien foe. Again Wohl fired, and, simultanter dinner, and walked in the direction neously with that shot, the gun in the shaking hand of Stokes spoke.

When the smoke cleared away the two men lay in their own blood upon the sidewaik. The Reverend Mr. Wohl was dead,

Chance had carried the bullet from Stokes's pistol through the head of the minister, killing him as he fell. The bullet had entered Stoken's side below the heart and passed entirely through his body, Stokes retused to say anything concerning The Reverend Mr. Wohl was recognized

noticessing states, said:

"Leave the promises."

An aftereation followed. Both men rain to the adewalk, directly in front of the house. Something was said, almost indisas one of the most forceful and eloquent Presbyterian ministers in the State. Mr.

Last night the following letter with a do at this moment, and I shall go on and contribution of \$1 was received from Mrs. G. L. Werth, who did not give her address: G. L. Werth, who did not give her address:
St. Lonis, Dec. 5, 19 w -Filter The 2t. Lonis
Republic Hear Str-1 thank The Reguldic most
carnestly for publishing in this morning's paper
the account of the distress in which Mrs. M. S.
Walten of No. 2t. North distribut asseme, with
her thirty-three walfs, are ninerd, for the man
of money to per roat. Of all the chalities in the
world there is not one which will accompany
mr ater good there is netting on where the chidred room the clums are raised and element to
lead a moral, pure and inseful life, under the
projection of bratherly love. Crims counted be
hindered by nunishment, but only by raising the
little ones where they neither see his bear of 1.
away from its influences. The city should provide little ones where they neither see his fear of Panway from its influences. The city should provide a home for this purpose, and a Band of Trusters schedel from the charitable people provides it. It would be a great boon to the city and prove a source of exempts by disclining crime. But in the meantum let thiss who can assist Mrs. Walton and his daughter in their good work, by making up a purper to put be not rent, and meet other across, and then see what can be done for a regular resultance for the future.

ture.

I herewith inclose H for Mrs. Walton, and hope that this good woman will find all the assistance che so richly descress. Yours respectfully, MRS. G. L. WERTH.

Many Call at the Home.

There were many callers at the home in the course of the day, some of whom con-tributed to the relief fund and others promised to send in subscriptions later. A man who gave his name as Mr. Smith contributed \$25. A lady who would give no name banded Mrs Walton St.

Mrs. Waiton and her daughter, Mrs. Maud. She is Coker, were both beside themselves with work." joy at the turn affairs had taken. "We can never thank The Republic enough for the never thank The Republic enough for the Ladies' Ald Society of the Central Presby-good it has done in bringing, our condition terian Church, spoke in equally praise-before the public," said Mrs. Walton, "and, worthy terms of Mrs. Walton and her fool knows we will ever pray for the good work, people who have come to our rescue and preserved a home for the poor little walfs that God has intrusted to our keeping 1 could afford, and, in addition, ladies came have been doing missionary work now for the could afford, and, in addition, ladies came regularly every day to give them intellections. more than fifteen years, and in that long time I have had many experiences which taught me the efficacy of prayer; but never

on with the work I have begun, confident the conviction it has God's good will.

"When I started this home it was rather by accident than by design. I had been deing missionary work in the slums, and, while I recognized the fact that the adults needed a great amount of spiritual atten-tion, when I now the poor little waits of the slams almost entirely neglected, with but senat material provision and absolutely no sparitual, some dying from neglect and others growing up in an atmosphere of moral degradation, I determined to devote my life to the salvation of these little souls as far as lay in my power. God has blessed the work thus far, and I shall pray that he will continue to do so." Indorse Mrs. Walton. Mrs. M. E. Otto, manager of the Hephyl-

bah Rescue Home, speaking of Mrs. Walton and her work, said: "I have known Mrs. Walton incidentally for fifteen years and not believe there is a worthicr or a more Christian woman fiving. At one time she was matron of the Refuge, and at that time I learned to know her well and to admire her many Christian virtues. She did missionary work for a long time, and it was through this that she was led into estabilishing a home for friendless children, seeing the great need for one. She is doing a great work for society and Christianity at this time, and deserves every assistance She is a worthy woman engaged in a worthy

Mrs. Samuel B. Jordan, a member of the

tual and spiritual instruction, the former work being in charge of Mrs. F. J. Yerger taught me the efficacy of prayer; but never and the latter in charge of Mrs. Mars before in my life have I felt its power as I Keithley, formerly of O'Fallon, Ma.